

Claims

- [c1] A flag lock comprising an approximately flat plate that has a middle section between two larger end sections.
- [c2] A flag lock according to Claim 1 that is symmetrical about an axis that passes through said middle section and said end sections.
- [c3] A flag lock according to Claim 1 that is symmetrical about a first axis that passes through the center of said middle section and is at 90° to a second axis that passes through the center of said end sections.
- [c4] A flag lock according to Claim 3 wherein the periphery of said end sections lies on the circumference of a circle centered at the intersection of said first axis and said second axis.
- [c5] A flag lock according to Claim 1 made of plastic.
- [c6] A flag lock according to Claim 1 made of a rust-resistant metal.
- [c7] A method of displaying from the halyard of a flagpole a flag having at least one eyelet with an aperture therethrough, comprising passing a loop of said halyard

through an aperture and over the middle section of a flag lock according to Claim 1, where the end section of said flag lock can not pass through said aperture.

[c8] A flag display comprising

(A) a flag having at least one eyelet with an aperture therethrough;

(B) a flag lock according to Claim 1 that has end sections that can not pass through said aperture; and

(C) a halyard, a loop of which passes through said aperture and over the middle section of said flag lock.

[c9] A flag display according to Claim 8 wherein said flag lock is symmetrical about a first axis that passes through said middle section and said end sections and that is symmetrical about a second axis at 90° to said first axis that passes through the center of said middle section.

[c10] A flag display according to Claim 9 wherein the periphery of said end sections lies on the circumference of a circle centered at the intersection of said first axis and said second axis.

[c11] A flag display according to Claim 8 wherein said flag lock is made of plastic.

[c12] A flag display according to Claim 8 wherein said flag lock

is made of a rust-resistant metal.

- [c13] A flag display according to Claim 8 wherein said apertures are about $3/8$ to about one inch in diameter and the end portions of said flag lock are preferably about $1/8$ to about $1/4$ inches larger than will fit through said apertures.
- [c14] A flag lock comprising an approximately flat plate that comprises a middle section between two larger end sections, where said flag lock (1) is symmetrical about a first axis that passes through said middle section and said end sections and (2) is symmetrical about a second axis at 90° to said first axis that passes through the center of said middle section.
- [c15] A flag lock according to Claim 14 wherein the periphery of said end sections lies on the circumference of a circle centered at the intersection of said first axis and said second axis.
- [c16] A flag lock according to Claim 14 made of plastic.
- [c17] A flag lock according to Claim 14 made of a rust-resistant metal.
- [c18] A flag display comprising
 - (A) a flag having at one end two eyelets each with an

aperture therethrough;

(B) a flag lock according to Claim 15 for each eyelet, said flag locks having end sections that can not pass through said apertures; and

(C) a halyard, a loop of which passes through each aperture and over the middle section of a flag lock.

[c19] A flag lock comprising a flat rust-resistant plate that has a middle section between two larger end sections, where said flag lock (1) is symmetrical about a first axis that passes through said middle section and said end sections and (2) is symmetrical about a second axis at 90° to said first axis that passes through the center of said middle section, and the periphery of said end sections lies on the circumference of a circle centered at the intersection of said first axis and said second axis.

[c20] A flag display comprising

(A) a flag having at one end two eyelets each with an apertures therethrough;

(B) a flag lock according to Claim 19 for each eyelet, said flag locks having end sections that can not pass through said apertures; and

(C) a halyard, a loop of which pass through each aperture and over the middle section of a flag lock.